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SUBJECT: REPLY TO SOVIET NOTES ON JUNE 22 DEMONSTRATION

AT SOVIET EMBASSY

REF: MOSCOW 9946, STATE 135843

- 1. BELOW IS TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S REPLY TO SOVIET EMBASSY AND MFA NOTES ON JUNE 22 INCIDENT AT SOVIET EMBASSY. EMBASSY SHOULD TRANSMIT SIMILAR REPLY TO MFA AS TIME ALLOWS.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NUMBER 54 OF JUNE 22, 1974, WHICH PROTESTS THE JUNE 22 DISTURBANCE IN THE VICINITY OF THE EMBASSY, AS WELL AS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' NOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NUMBER 49/USA OF JUNE 25, ON THE SAME TOPIC.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEPLORES THE UNFORTUNATE ACTIVITIES THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY ON JUNE 22 AND DEEPLY REGRETS ANY DISRUPTION OF WORKING CONDITIONS AT THE EMBASSY AND ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO THE EMBASSY'S PERSONNEL. THE DEPARTMENT REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT COMMENSURATE WITH US LAW TO ENSURE NORMAL WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE EMBASSY AND ITS STAFF.

THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT, HOWEVER, ACCEPT ALLEGATIONS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONNIVANCE IN ILLEGAL

ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE EMBASSY. MINDFUL OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVED US-SOVIET RELATIONS AND OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN VIGOROUS ACTION TO PROTECT SOVIET PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

THE UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA, WHICH SPONSORED A GATHERING OF AMERICANS OF UKRAINIAN DESCENT IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 22, APPLIED FOR AND WAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO MARCH PEACEFULLY ALONG 16TH STREET, INCLUDING THAT PORTION OF THE STREET UPON WHICH THE EMBASSY IS LOCATED.

PURSUANT TO THE EMBASSY'S JUNE 21 REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED ACTIVITIES OF THE UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE, THE DEPARTMENT CONFERRED WITH POLICE OFFICIALS TO SEE THAT ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES UNDER APPLICABLE US LAW WERE TAKEN TO ENSURE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY ON JUNE 22.

OVER ONE HUNDRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WERE STATIONED NEAR THE SOVIET EMBASSY JUNE 22. WHEN SOME OF THE UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE MARCHERS BEGAN TO DEMONSTRATE WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE EMBASSY, IN VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF ITS PERMIT TO HOLD A PEACEFUL MARCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED THE MARCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND TOOK PROMPT ACTION TO RESTORE ORDER. NINE DEMONSTRATORS WERE ARRESTED.

THE DEPARTMENT REGRETS ANY DAMAGE DONE TO THE EMBASSY BUILDING AND GROUNDS AND WILL COMMUNICATE WITH THE EMBASSY REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR SUCH DAMAGE. END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY PLEASE INFORM MATLOCK THAT ATTY. GEN. SAXBE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL JULY 8 AND DEPT PREPARING APPROACH TO JUSTICE IN ORDER TO TIGHTEN INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF LAWS UNDER WHICH SOVIET EMBASSY PROPERTY PROTECTED. SISCO

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